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this country are so "clogged up" by overproduction that they are consigning their surplus to their best patrons to be sold for what it will bring. The state of the wholesale market, because of the wholesale market, because of the claim one and the home team nine. John Hieydler officiated as referee and L. P. Smith as timer.

The junior basket ball teams of the Carroll Institute and the Washington Athletic club played a match game on the grounds of the latter Saturday night, in which the wholesale market, because of the score of 5 to 3. The youngsters played a clean game and were evenly matched. Brinckley, for the home team, secured the The greatest cloakmakers of terribly dull times and backwardness of the weather of the east, & is awful.

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IN SPORTING CIRCLES

Driscoll Defeats Davidson for the Local Tennis Championship.

FIRST C. A. C. SMOKER OF THE SEASON

Close Game of Foot Pall Played on the Georgetown Campus.

WHAT FITZSIMMONS WANTS

The tennis game to decide the championship of the District was played Saturday afternoon between John C. Davidson, who for five years has held the honor, and Thomas A. Driscoll of Georgetown Uniersity, the Pacific coast player. The contest came off on the grounds of the Bachelors' Club on M street, and was witnessed by a number of spectators. The courts were in miserable condition. Davidson was not in the best of condition, but he was outmatched at all points of the game.

was outmatched at all points of the game. Driscoll played in excellent form.

The championship was to be decided by five games, the winner of three to secure the title. Driscoll took the first two games by the score of 6 to 0. Davidson won the third game by the score of 5 to 7. Driscoll took the fourth game by 6 to 2, winning the championship.

The match would have been played much sooner, but owing to the fact that Mr. Davidson injured his arm the game was postponed several times. Mr. Davidson has already secured one trophy by winning the championship three consecutive ning the championship three consecutive times, and had he won the game Saturday he would have become the permanent pos-sessor of the present trophy.

C. A. C.'S SMOKER.

First of the Winter Series of Saturday Night Entertainments.

The Columbia Athletic Club began its winter series of smokers Saturday evening, and the large gymnasium was packed with the members and their friends Haley's Orchestra furnished the music. The program lasted until after midnight, and proved to be thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. C. W. Schneider, the chairman of the amusement committee, made the announcements of the evening. Those who entertained the gathering were the Capital Glee Club, composed of Messrs. Melville D. Hensey, E. C. Asmussen, Charles Skerritt and J. T. Cawin; Charles E. Lewis, Edw. J. Walsh, Charles Skerritt, Sam'l Ireland, W. H. Conley, George O'Connor, Prof. Wm. Haley, John Tweedale, Goldwin Patten and W. S. Gill and J. P. Tucker of the "Pudd'nhead Wilson" company. A quartet, consisting of Messrs. A. M. Dufour, E. F. Holler, C. M. Hasselbach and C. M. Constantini, rendered several selections.

Basket Ball. The Washington Light Infantry and the Corcoran Cadet Corps basket ball teams met Saturday evening at the Infantry armory. The visitors were unable to cope with the home team, and lost by 11 to 1 Three fifteen-minute innings were played. Neither side scored in the first innings, though the visitors were given a free throw by the unpire, Ed. Raab. In the second innings the champions scored two goals, the Cadets failing to score, though given another free throw. In the third innings there were ten scores mode, the visitors getting one and the home team nine. John Reydler officiated as referee and L. P.

honors by making four goals, while Pear-son, for the visitors, distinguished himself and made two goals.

SOPHOMORE ELEVEN WON.

Georgetown Freshmen Defented at Foot Ball.

The sophomores and the freshmen of Georgetown University met on the grideron Saturday, at the college campus, and the scphs won by the score of 4 to 0. The game was closely played, and the freshmen fought hard for victory. Cullen made the only touchdown of the game, though no goal was kicked. The weather was splendld for the game, and the play was

witnessed by	many speciators	s. Then e u
1890.	Position	1900.
Bell	left end	Tob
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Zorin	right end	McInti
Lynch	quarter back.	
R. Walsh	left half back	Prin
T. Cullen	right half back	Flemi
S. Culien	full back	Mullig
Umpire-Re-	ardon. Referee-	-O'Leary.

LE DROITS' GOOD RECORD.

After a Few More Games They Will Disband for the Senson. After a few more games the well-known Le Droits will disband for the season of 'W The record this year gives promise of a

much stronger team next year. Last year the same boys were on a par with the second team of the different High Schools; but this year were able to hold the strong Central team to a 4-4 game.

The Le Droits played twelve games during the season, winning nine, losing two and tying one. Although credit has been given the Centrals for three games from the Le Droits, the Park boys deny this, and say they have met but twice on the field; the first game played early in the season, the Centrals winning 18-0. other well-contested game was played when both teams were in the best condition

The Le Droits played other interesting games, which were well contested, and won well-deserved victories. One was the game against the Alexandria Athletic foot ball team, who outwelfhed the Park boys by ten pounds to a man; but at the end of the second half the score was 26-0 in favor of the Washington lads. Another victory was the return game in Alexandria, which

resulted in a victory of 8-0.

Then a game in the early part of the season, with the Western High School, which ended after a bitterly fought game, 0-0.

The Le Droits suffered their second and last defeat Thanksgiving day, when the Park boys, in order not to disappoint the Laurel Athletic Club, had to leave some of the best men at home and carry a crippled team, and then, after waiting two hours on the field, the game was started. By that time, they say, the boys were exhausted, having fasted since early morning; but even then the Parks held the Laurels down to six points. The Park boys will make them play hard to win Christmas day, when they meet again at Laurel.

The members of the team are: H. Crown, center, weight, 155 pounds; C. Brush, left

center, weight, 155 pounds; C. Brush, left guard, weight, 135 pounds; H. Burns, right guard, weight, 150 pounds; E. Burns, right tackle, weight, 135 pounds; Jones, left tackle, 155 pounds; Hugues, right end, 158 pounds; D. Ross, right half back, 140 pounds; C. Clark, right half back, 150 pounds (captain); R. Tongue, left half back, 150 pounds; Hoover, left end, 156 pounds; J. Shepley, quarter, 140 pounds J. Shepley, quarter, 140 pounds.

The Le Droits are anxious to have an While every one on the team played good ball, those who deserve special mention are Ross, Clark, Burns, Hugues and Shep-ley. other game with the Centrals and Easterns

AN INDOOR CARNIVAL.

Cyclists and Their Friends Gather at the Riding Academy. The winter opening of the Columbia Riding Academy at 22d and P streets Saturday evening attracted many well-known society folks. The floor of the large hall, containing 12,000 square feet of space, shone like a polished mirror, and hun dreds of riders of both sexes enjoyed the novelty of cycle riding indoors. Mr. J. H. Brittain, the manager of the local agency,

and Mr. Claiborne A.c. Wilson, the superintendent of the riding academy, welcomed
the guests of the evening. Music for the
opening was furnished by Haley's orchestra, the leader giving several solos on
the cornet. The opening began at 8 o'clock
and continued until near midnight.

Among those present were Gen. and Mrs.
D. S. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Dingmun,
Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Mr. and
Mrs. Mauro, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Copehaver, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hufty, Mr.
and Mrs. F. W. Pilling, Mr. and Mrs.
Duchay, Col. and Mrs. W. G. Moore, Mr.
and Mrs. W. A. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. F.
Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Titcomb, Gen. and
Mrs. Du Barry, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Willard, Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Sampson, and
Mrs. R. W. Tyler, Dr. and Mrs. W.
Luckett, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wells, Mr. and
Mrs. John Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Bearman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huffman, Mr. and
Mrs. Helpenstien, Mrs. and Miss Stylee,
Miss Walker, Miss Wadsworth, the Misses
Dingman, Mrs. Hayward, Miss Duchay,
Miss Munro, Mrs. N. D. Sumpler, Mrs. Ef-Miss Walker, Miss Wadsworth, the Misses Dingman, Mrs. Hayward, Miss Duchay, Miss Munro, Mrs. N. D. Sumpler, Mrs. Ef-fie McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cabrera, Mrs. W. C Wise and daughter, Mrs. Ever-ett and daughter, Mrs. W. O. Cunningham, ett and daughter, Mrs. W. O. Cunningham, Mr. Geo. M. Oyster and Miss Oyster, Miss Dalsy Calver, the Misses Du Barry, Mrs. W. O. Baldwin, Miss White, Mrs. Jackson and family, Mrs. Charles G. Pfluger, Mrs. Ross and son, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. John Key, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Miss Grace Halliday, Mr. C. H. Cragin, Mrs. Wallace, Miss Mary Welch, Mr. G. T. Tarbox, Mr. P. Stephenson, Mr. J. C. Edwards, Mr. G. A. Metrick, Mr. and Mrs. Foertsch, Mr. Frank Halford, Gen. A. B. Littleton, Mr. J. S. Seymour, Mr. C. Kraft, Mr. A. B. Bennett, Mr. H. L. Millner, Mr. S. Stoddard, Mr. A. A Tungstall, Mr. I. Gregg and lady, Mr. J. S. Power, Miss C. Eccard, Mrs. M. M. Cross and Miss Cross.

Cross.

Col. Albert A. Pope, the president of 'he Pope Marufacturing Company, was an interested spectator during the evening. Ernest Thompson, one of the youths connected with the academy, gave an exhibi-tion of fancy and trick riding that was highly creditable. At the close of the evening when the cyclists were tired of riding the young people inaugurated dancing on the large floor.

The third assignment of the ninepin tourney of the Columbia Athletic Club was bowled Saturday evening. The scores for the most part were small. Ten men participated. The score: Harrington, 22; Good-ale, 16; Stokes, 16; Rice, 14; Crampion, 14; G. C. Callan, 13; Cushman, 10; Grant, 10; Johnston, 9; Sherwood, 7.

LAWS FOR THE DISTRICT

Bills That Are Still Awaiting Action by Congress.

the House Calendar and Those Still in the Hands of the Committee.

When the House District committee meets in a few days the members will look around them and see who escaped from the great November blizzard. Very few of the present members of the committee will sit around the table in the next Congress. The District committee lost more members than probably any other com-

mittee of the House. The entire democratic membership of the committee, with the exception of Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, will have to be replaced in the next House. Mr. Cobb of Alabama was unseated and not re-elected. Mr. Cobb of Missouri and Mr. Rusk of Maryland were not candidates for re-election. Mr. Abbott of Texas and Mr. Mere dith of Virginia were not nominated. Two of the republican members were defeated for re-election, Mr. Hulick of Ohio and Mr. Milnes, while Mr. Huling of West Virginia was not nominated and Mr. Welington of Maryland The fact that the District committee of the next Congress, which is to meet less than four months, will have to be so completely reorganized fall be one reasen, it is said, for not attempting any primary legislation at this session of an important character which is likely to be taken up in the next House.

The work of the committee at this ses-

sion will not be very extensive, it is thought. While there are a great many bills on the calendar, many of them are not of such an urgent character as to se-cure consideration at the short session, when the appropriation bills are pressing and others are bills that will be purposely

ignored. On the House Calendar. The first business of the committee will be to secure the passage through the House of those bills that have already been reported from the committee and are on the calendar of the House. These are: To extend North Capitol street to the Soldiers' Home.

To authorize the construction of a bridge eross the Eastern branch of the Potomac river in line with Massachusetts avenue extended eastward In relation to taxes and tax sales in th

District. To regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia. Providing that all judgments in civil causes in the District of Columbia shall ear interest

Authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to accept the bequest of the late Peter Von Essen for the use of the public white schools of that portion of said District formerly known as George For the incorporation of associations for the improvement of breeds of horses, and to regulate the same, and to establish a

racing commission To provide for the payment of certain claims against the District of Columbia by irawback certificates. For the relief of farmers, gardeners and truckmen selling produce of their own rais-ing in the markets of Washington. Authorizing the employment of day labor in the construction of certain municipal buildings and works in the District.

Not Reported From the Committee. The following bills have not been reported from the House District committee, but are still on the calendar, awaiting action: For continuing the system of trunk sew

To provide a permanent system of highways for that part of the District outside of cities. To permit the Standard Telephone Company to operate a plant.

The Washington and Marlboro' railroad amending act.
The Columbia suburban railroad amend

or the relief of Everett Wroe. To regulate telephone rates. To incorporate the Independent Order of Colored Men and Women of Honor. To redeem outstanding certificates issued by the board of audit and board of public To provide for the establishment of the

farmers' wholesale market."

To regulate telephone service.

Providing penalties for charter violations by corporations. Defining qualifications for chief inspector and deputy inspectors of plumbing.

To permit the Home Telephone Company o operate a plant.

To secure uniformity in the names of minor streets. For the relief of the estate of William B

Todd, deceased. To incorporate the National Capital Gas Company.

Limiting the liability of corporation tockholders in certain cases.

For lighting certain portions of the northwest suburbs To authorize the extension of the Columbia railway. To amend the charter of the Capital

Traction Company.

For the protection of the Sabbath day.
In relation to the separate estates of married women. To provide for a municipal building and To provide for a municipal state of court house.

For the reflet of Esther A. Keyser.

To amend the act punishing the carrying or selling of deadly weapons.

To require street railroads to issue or receive transfers.

To confirm to Allen C. Clark title to cer oin real estate.

To amend the charter of the Metropolitan To extend 14th street to Spring road.

To authorize the eastern extension of the

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To validate deeds in the District.
Granting the Washington Cooling Company the right to lay pipes.
To cure the title of certain real estate.
To authorize the purchase of lot for dispensary and hospital.

For further prevention of cruelty to ani-

mais.
Providing for advertising by contract.
To establish the Washington Homeopathic Medical College.
Providing for taxation of street railway

To incorporate the Mt. Pleasant and Zoo gravity railway.

To increase the water supply of the city. For the relief of Emmert Dunbar & Com-To abolish grade crossings.

To incorporate the Columbia Telephone

Company.

To authorize extension of the lines of the Potomac Light and Power Company. To provide street entrances to alleys.

To provide a general system of subways.

To amend the act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors.

To rectify existing real estate subdivis-

ions.

To establish the farmers' market.

To increase salaries of police station For the extension of the present plan

the city. To repeal the highway act. Providing for the sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes.

To pay Prospect Hill cemetery for land To regulate the use of public parks.

To provide for the appointment of five To complete the system of sewage disthe construction of the Eastern

Branch bridge.

To extend Connecticut avenue.

To extend 17th street to Park street. For the payment of certain treasury set-To regulate street railway fares and transfers.
To incorporate the Columbia Subway Company.

To investigate use of text books in public For an election to determine form of Dis trict government. To amend the act prohibiting use of onehorse cars in the city.

For the relief of Kate Winter.

Authorizing the extension of certain street railway routes (Commissioners' bill). For extension of Washington, Arlington and Fails Church Railway To extend 11th street northwest. To extend New Jersey avenue northwest. To provide tract and property indexes in

ecorder's office.
For conveyance of certain property to J. H. Gause and others.
To incorporate the United States Annuity Company. secure uniformity in names of streets

and roads. To amend the alien ownership act. Relating to the probate of wills.

To incorporate the Anti-saloon League. To incorporate the Mutual Assess ompany.

To prevent the adulteration of candy.

To prohibit cemeteries which will interfere with street extensions. For disposal of the Force school property, For the relief of Simon Carmody. For payment of decrees under highway act.

To prevent the spread of contagious dis-

For the appointment of guardians for

For the regulation of cemeteries To regulate outhouses. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD. Bottle Picked Up Thrown Overboard

Sixteen Years Ago. The Australian steamer Warrimoo, which has arrived at Victoria, B. C., from Australia, reports that a bottle was picked up near Cape Kidnapper, N. Z., Just before the Canadian liner left Sydney, containing an unsealed message to the effect pension under act of June 27, 1890. that the ship Mohawk sprung a leak in latitude 42.21 south and longitude 60.24 west, and that the crew was taking to the boats as a last hope. The message, which was yellow with age, concluded:

"God help us. "JOHN FRANKLIN." The Mohawk, John Franklin, mate, was ost, with all hands, sixteen years ago on a voyage from Quebec to Troon, in Ayr-shire, and this wave-buffeted message is the first word that has been had as to how

Fell Dead During Initiation. Charles Wetter of Winthrop, Minn., while indergoing the ceremony of initiation into the Mystic Shrine at Minneapolis, fell dead. The services were abruptly terminated, and four physicians, including the coroner, were summoned. They decided that death was due to valvular disease of the heart. He was forty years of age.

Trinity Chapter, Epworth League. At the annual meeting of Trinity Chapter, Epworth League, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Harry F. Belt; first vice president, E. R. Berkeley; second vice president, Mrs. Emma Berkeley; third vice president, Miss Grace Hobbs; fourth vice president, W. J. Palmer; secretary, Will Le Roy Pyles; treasurer, Maurice Otterback.

Wednesday night the thermometer at Arcade, N. Y., registered from 8 to 12 degrees below zero. This breaks the record

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PENSION APPEALS HIS

Work in His Charge.

Changes in Pension Rulings to Secure James Boyle or Perry Heath Will Uniformity and Justice and Expedite Business.

The report of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds for 'he year shows the pelicy pursued in the administration of mination of appeals. Former adjudications have not been disturbed save where fraud, error in law or mistake was apparent. The report says: "General satisfaction has followed the recommendation of last year petents and others, followed by the law di-petents and others, followed by the law di-petents and others, followed by the law di-petents and others, followed by the law di-poseph B. Foraker. Because of some valuable work done by

Accrued Pensions. "Gratifying results have followed the pas sage of the act of March 2, 1895, which secured an extension of cases wherein payments of accrued pension could be made, as well as that of the act of March 6, 1896, relating to the commencement of

lodge in the federal courts the right of any one on behalf of the government to ask better protection to the pension fund Kinley's confidence that as yet he has of those laboring under legal disabilities. shown to preference among the candidates The following also are suggested: That justice demands the universal application of the common law rule in proof of marriage. State laws govern and lead to lenial of title in cases which are equally meritorious. That the pensionable rights of minor children who claim under the act of June 27. 1800, should be defined with more corwidow surviving.

Army Nurses "The act of August 5, 1892, relates to pensionable title of those women who served as nurses during the war of the rebellion. Title is confined to those who served in regimental, post, camp or general who was with him for the Cincinnati Enhospitals. The refusal of the War De-partment to recognize those as properly partment to recognize those as properly Dispatch. Mr. Boyle served with Major employed who served in the first three McKinley four years, and since last Janu-classes mentioned tends to defeat their title ary he has been acting in the same caand renders this portion of the act nugatory. Attention is invited to this in order that proper legislation may be enacted to relieve any deserving claimants of an injust and unintentional discrimination.

"On the first of February, 1836, a new division was organized in the office of the Secretary by his order and the board of pension appeals was thereby merged in this new division, which was designated the division of pension affairs. By this means all matters relating to pensions were

PRIVATE SECRETARY

Assistant Secretary Reynolds Reviews the Mr. Dawes Will Not Act in That Capacity for Major McKinley.

Probably Be Offered the

Position. Upon authority which is strictly firstclass it may be stated that Charles Gates Dawes of Illino's will not be private secretary to Major McKinley. Mr. Dawes is pension affairs. The aim has been to se- calling upon the President-elect in Canton cure uniformity and justice in the deter- today and will be in Washington tomorrow He will make his objections to accepting the office so clear to Mr. McKinley

a fermal tender will not be made. This, then, will leave the place either to James The action of the commissioner of pensions Boyle or Perry S. Heath, was reversed in 2,066 of the cases ruled. Mr. Dawes is a young man in years, but old in political experience, and quite well te do. He is the sen of Gen. R. R. Daws of Marietta, who served with Major Mefor such legislation as would secure better Kinky in Congress during the 80's. Gen. protection to the pension fund due incom-

Charles Gates Dawes for McKinley last sprlig he has been prominently identified with Mr. Hanna in Chicago. He represented Illinois on the executive committe. Theigh less than thirty-five years of age Daves showed remarkable skill in politics volunteered to puncture the Cullom boom which was then assuming prominence in Illinois. His father vouched for his political ability, and he was commission "The suggestion is again made as to go home and do what he could for McKin-the advisability of such legislation as will ley. Not long afterward Senator Cullum withdrew from the race and Illinois swung

into line for the Ohlo candidate.

It is told by those who enjoy Major Mcfor pri ate secretary. There have been but four rames mertioned for the place, to wit: Dawes, Heath, Poyle and Jos Smith. With information from Canton that Mr. Smith may be marshal for the District of Columbia, and Dawes out of the question of his own volition, Heath and Boyle, both well known newspaper men,

successful gubernatorial candidates to choose for private secretary some one of the correspondents who followed them in their tours through the state. Campbell al pointed Claude Meeker, who was with pacity at Canton. Because of the relations which Mr. Boyle has had with

the governor it is quite likely he will be selected to succeed Mr. Thurber.

If not Boyle the new private secretary will almost certainly be Perry S Heath who is well known as a Washington correspondent, and later as editor of the Cinnati Commercial Gazette. Mr. Heath was Mr. Hanra's right hand man at Chicago, and is very close to the Presidentelect. The selection of a private secre-tary is a personal natter with Major Mebrought into one division and under the assistant secretary's supervision. The re-Kinley, and while either Mr. Doyle or appointment neither has intimated to any one that he would like such preference.